

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) A control signal receiving apparatus ~~as defined in claim 2~~ which can receive a control signal from a remote control unit both directly from the remote control and indirectly through a data receiving apparatus which is connected to the control signal receiving apparatus, comprising:

a command judging section which receives a first command, which is directly received from the remote control unit, and a second command, which is received via the data receiving apparatus, as its inputs and selectively outputs one of the first and second commands by judging which command is to serve as effective, wherein there are ~~provided~~, provided

a connection signal detection section which detects a connection signal indicating that transmission between the control signal receiving apparatus and the data receiving apparatus is possible, and

a delaying section which delays the first ~~reception~~ command so that the second ~~reception~~ command and the first ~~reception~~ command are inputted in this order to the command judging section, and wherein

the command judging section

makes the second command, which is received by the control signal receiving apparatus later, effective, when the first command and the second command are received by the control signal receiving apparatus temporally close to each other,

makes the first ~~reception~~ command inputted thereto without passing through the delaying section and makes the inputted first ~~reception~~ command pass through as it is, when the connection signal is not detected by the connection signal detection section, and

makes the second ~~reception~~ command which is inputted thereto prior to the first ~~reception~~ command, pass through as it is, and ignores the first ~~reception~~ command which is delayed by the delaying section to be inputted thereto later than the second ~~reception~~ command, when the connection signal is detected by the connection signal detecting section.

8. (Currently Amended) A control signal receiving apparatus as defined in claim 7, wherein, the command judging section makes the first ~~reception~~-command₁ which is inputted via the delaying section₁ pass through as it is, when the connection signal is detected by the connection signal detecting section and no second ~~reception-signal~~command is inputted thereto.

9-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A control signal receiving apparatus as defined in claim 7, wherein,

the delay amount of the first ~~reception~~-command₁ which is delayed by the delaying section₁ is larger than the time difference between the time when the first ~~reception~~-command is inputted to the command judging section without passing through the delaying section and the time when the second ~~reception~~-command is inputted to the command judging section, and is smaller than the shortest time from the time when the first ~~reception~~-command is inputted thereto up to the time when the next command is inputted thereto.

13. (Currently Amended) A control signal receiving apparatus as defined in claim 8, wherein,

the delay amount of the first ~~reception~~-command₁ which is delayed by the delaying section₁ is larger than the time difference between the time when the first ~~reception~~-command is inputted to the command judging section without passing through the delaying section and the time when the second ~~reception~~-command is inputted to the command judging section, and is smaller than the shortest time from the time when the first ~~reception~~-command is inputted thereto up to the time when the next command is inputted thereto.